

Mary Ann Shadd Cary House  
1421 W Street, NW  
Washington, D.C.

HABS No. DC-368

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Washington, D.C.	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Mary Ann Shadd Cary House		HABS NO. DC-368
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1421 W Street, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) pre-1881 (ca. 1850)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Home, from 1881-1886, of Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823-1893). Cary is an important figure in Afro-American history, being the first black newspaperwoman in North America, proponent of women's rights, abolitionist, lawyer, educator and writer.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate elements		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2 story; raised basement; flat roof; 3-bay front		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Corbeled cornice; label molding over entrance and windows; cast-iron stoop and stairs		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Side hall plan		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1976=Fair.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places (Information above taken from nomination form and data sheet.)		
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